Powell to speak at Rubenstein Hall dedication event

Gen. Colin L. Powell, USA (Ret.), former U.S. Secretary of State, will deliver the keynote address during dedication events for Rubenstein Hall on Nov. 4.

“We are looking forward to welcoming General Powell—one of our nation’s most respected statesmen—as we mark this important milestone in the growth and development of the Institute,” said Director Bruce Kuniholm.

“His extraordinary leadership in international affairs and his advocacy for America’s youth provide an inspiring example to our students.”

Powell is scheduled to speak at 4 p.m. in nearby Wilson Gym.

Powell served as U.S. Secretary of State from 2001 to 2004, during the first Bush Administration. As a general in the United States Army, Powell served as National Security Advisor (1987-89) and as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (1989-93). Powell also served as founding chairman of America’s Promise—The Alliance for Youth, an organization dedicated to strengthening the character and competence of America’s youth. His numerous awards include two Presidential Medals of Freedom.

MPPs put theory into action with state petting zoo policy

When the North Carolina State Fair opens on Oct. 14, a group of MPP students won’t be focusing on the Tilt-a-Whirl, fried dough and World’s Smallest Horse. Instead, they’ll head for the children’s petting zoo.

They expect the petting zoo to look much different this year, with new handwashing stations, improved traffic control and strongly worded health-warning signs.

The changes result from “Aedin’s Law,” aimed at preventing a recurrence of last year’s E. coli outbreak, in which more than 100 people who attended a petting zoo at the fair got sick. Children became ill after coming in contact with animal feces containing the bacteria.

The law, passed in July, is named for a Carrboro 2-year-old who spent 36 days in the hospital and suffered permanent damage to her kidneys and pancreas. She developed diabetes as a result of her illness and now wears an insulin pump. The outbreak attracted widespread media attention, and became a front-burner issue for N.C. regulatory agencies.

For their spring consulting project, the MPP students—Dustyn Baker, Emily Hildebrand, Tugba Gucanlar, Matt Perault and Kuangzhen Wu—contracted with the State Division of Public Health to develop recommendations on regulating petting zoos. Consulting projects are a core element of the MPP curriculum.

The petting zoo team interviewed affected families and personal injury lawyers, researched regulations...
Lecture series brings in philanthropy experts on accountability, strategy

A series of distinguished speakers will visit the Institute this fall as guests of the Foundation Impact Research Group faculty seminar series, led by Joel L. Fleishman, professor of PPS and law. Now in its fifth semester, the series explores the relationships between strategic choice-making and impact measurement in foundations and not-for-profit organizations.

The seminars are one component of the Philanthropic Foundation Research Program launched in 2004 with support from the Packard, Ford and Hewlett foundations. Fleishman also is working on a book and developing a course in strategic decision-making within foundations. In addition, Assistant Professor Kristin Goss, who joins the faculty this fall, was recruited to contribute to the foundation research and teaching program.

The program’s mission is to develop a clearer understanding of foundation decision-making, suggest ways to increase foundation impact, and ways to stimulate greater foundation accountability to the public.

The following speakers plan to make presentations this fall: Alan Grossman, professor, Harvard Business School; Craig Kennedy, president, German Marshall Fund of the United States; Carol Larson, president, Packard Foundation; Rob Reich, professor, Stanford University; Stan Katz, professor, Princeton University; Lance Lindblom, president, Nathan Cummings Foundation; Drew Altman, president, Kaiser Family Foundation; H. Erbert Meffert, Bertelsmann Foundation; and Colin Campbell, president, Colonial Williamsburg.

Faculty and students with an interest in foundations and nonprofits are welcome to attend the seminars in the Institute’s Rhodes Conference Room, usually from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. (For dates and details, please check the Institute’s Web site.)

The program is also establishing a teaching case-writing program, which will produce case studies on foundation initiatives that have achieved significant impact through the successful leveraging of philanthropic resources. The first case studies will be written by Matthew Nash, associate director of the Center for the Advancement of Social Entrepreneurship (CASE) at the Fuqua School of Business, and John Kalafatas, who joined the CASE team this summer.

MPP program welcomes Peace Corps alums

The MPP program welcomes 57 new students this fall, including the first group of Peace Corps Fellows. The Peace Corps Fellows/USA program partners the Peace Corps and top universities to offer returned Peace Corps volunteers the opportunity to earn a graduate degree.

Peace Corps Fellows at Duke will work towards an MPP or PIDP degree while completing a yearlong community service project. The first class of Peace Corps Fellows includes students who served in Benin, Honduras, Madagascar, Ivory Coast and Guatemala, working on projects ranging from health education and school construction to teaching English as a foreign language.

The MPP class of 2007 represents more than 20 states and six foreign countries. The incoming students bring skill sets honed by working in government offices, nonprofit organizations and private corporations around the world. Three of the students won J.B. Duke scholarships. Five of the incoming students worked as elementary and secondary schoolteachers. On average, the MPP students have four years of post-undergraduate experience.

“I am quite confident that this class is as strong or stronger than any other program in the country,” said Director of Graduate Studies Fritz Mayer.

MPP alum joins PPS faculty

Kristin A. Goss, a Duke MPP alumna ('96), joins the faculty this fall as assistant professor of PPS and political science. Goss will teach Political Analysis for Public Policy (PPS 114) and work with Professor Joel Fleishman in his Philanthropic Foundation Research Program. Her research interests include political participation, interest groups and voluntary associations, agenda setting, gun control politics and women’s organizations.

Goss is the author of the forthcoming book Disarmed: The Missing Measurement for Gun Control in America, which explores the difficulties in mobilizing citizens for gun control. To be published in early 2006 by Princeton University Press, the book is based on her doctoral study, which won the American Political Science Association’s 2003 Harold D. Lasswell award for the nation’s best dissertation in policy studies. Goss earned her PhD in political science at Harvard University.

Goss is a former senior editor of The Chronicle of Philanthropy, where she worked from 1988 to 1994. From 2002 to 2003, she served as a consultant to the Corporation for National and Community Service, which administers AmeriCorps and other federal volunteer programs.

Currently, she is working on a book about the changing agendas of women’s voluntary associations over the past 200 years and how those changes have affected the politics of important policy issues.

Goss spent three years at Georgetown University, where she taught courses on the U.S. political system, political participation, the media’s role in politics and the politics of the policymaking process.

Goss grew up near Denver, where she developed a passion for figure skating and animal welfare. Her earliest political memory is of Watergate, which her parents defined as “a hotel in Washington.”
M aster’s students studying U.S. public policy have a new source of tuition assistance thanks to the efforts of two Duke MPP alumni. Matt Cullinan (’90) and Anna Reilly (’90) donated $100,000 in June to create the Richard A. Stubbing Memorial Fellowship Fund in honor of their late teacher.

“Dick was a major part of our experience at the Sanford Institute,” Matt said, “and for the past 16 years he has been a mentor, a good friend—an important person in my life. We saw this as an opportunity to honor him, and also to respond to a need at the Institute.”

Stubbing, a national security expert and professor of the practice emeritus, died Nov. 11, 2004, from cancer. He was 74.

Anna remembered Stubbing as the professor who was able to bring the subject of public budgeting to life, with stories and anecdotes drawn from his 20 years of experience in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget. In addition, he was “a wonderful mentor to so many students,” offering practical advice on job hunting and careers, she said.

It is their hope that this gift will inspire others to support the work of the Institute, in particular the MPP program.

“This remarkably generous gift from two of our most valued alums will support worthy graduate students who share the late professor Dick Stubbing’s deep commitment to improving U.S. policymaking,” said Fritz Mayer, associate professor and director of graduate studies.

Matt and Anna currently live in South Bend, Indiana, with their three children, Grace, Walker and Julia.

MPP alumni Dionne Brown (’94) and Andrea Howard (’03), at right, talk to prospective students about the Sanford Institute during the July 8 graduate school fair in Washington, D.C., sponsored by the Public Policy and International Affairs Program (PPIA). MPP Director of Admissions Chuck Pringle attended the event.

A lumns create Stubbing Fellowship

Under a new fellowship program launched by Professor of the Practice Tony Brown, two recent Duke graduates will spend the next year working with nonprofits that support and initiate economic development in poor countries. The fellowships are an extension of Brown’s Enterprising Leadership Incubator course.

Lisa Stratton, a Robertson Scholar with a degree in international studies, is working with Ten Thousand Villages on its new e-commerce Web site at its headquarters in Akron, Penn. Ten Thousand Villages, a nonprofit program of the Mennonite Central Committee, markets handicrafts made by artisans living in developing countries and promotes cross-cultural understanding by telling the artisans’ stories.

Stratton also will focus on creating innovative ways to present those stories in order to boost sales, and will research new information about artisans and products.

“I wanted to get more business experience and felt like Villages was the perfect opportunity for me to do this, while working in a nonprofit setting,” Stratton said. “When I came up to visit last April I was impressed by all of the people I met—everyone was passionate about their work,” Stratton said.

Anthony Vitarelli, a 2005 PPS/economics graduate, will work in Chile with Accion Emprendedora (AE), an organization that provides loans and other assistance to low-income entrepreneurs.

Vitarelli plans to spend two months in Chile learning about the microfinance field and assisting AE with start-ups and international conferences. He’ll spend the remainder of the academic year in Washington, D.C., setting up AE’s first U.S. office.

The office will write grant proposals, conduct lobbying efforts, and coordinate with American nonprofits that share AE’s goals. Vitarelli aims to create a sustainable American internship program with AE.
The Terry Sanford Institute of Public Policy graduated 155 PPS students and 74 master’s students during its 31st annual ceremonies on May 14. Bruce Jentleson, leading his final graduation exercises as Institute director, urged students to “be ambitious for yourself and for society,” and “join self and service in a way that defines the most fulfilling vocations.”

Danielle Sass, left, and Anca Grozav were co-winners of the MPP 2005 Outstanding Student Award.

Katie Wilson-Milne earned the Joel Fleishman Distinguished Scholar award in recognition of her exemplary academic achievement. Wilson-Milne declined a Fulbright to accept a 2005-06 Hart Fellowship in Durban, South Africa. Anthony Vitarelli won the 2005 Terry Sanford Leadership Award. He served as Campus Council president and is now the Young Trustee on the Duke Board of Trustees.

Sarah Hernandez spoke on behalf of PPS undergraduates.

Rajiv Jalota, left, the PIDP student speaker for 2005, shakes hands with Professor of the Practice Francis Lethem.

MPP students selected classmate Paul Stahle as their 2005 student speaker.

Elizabeth Ku (MPP ’05) adjusts her cap.
The PhD program will help public policy make better use of its already strong interdisciplinary ties, Jentleson said.

“We have eight different kinds of PhDs on our faculty right now. Historically we have a lot of matches with departments and schools around the university. We’ve built those connections into the program. So in important ways, this proposal speaks to the larger theme of what the university is trying to do in interdisciplinary studies,” he said.

Public Policy PhD candidates will take common core public policy courses and choose a social science field as a disciplinary focus, allowing candidates to concentrate on substantial policy areas including social policy, child and family policy, globalization and development or health policy.

Upon successful completion, candidates will be awarded a PhD in public policy and the social sciences, with a concentration in their chosen social science.

The proposal received support throughout the social sciences and the Nicholas School and won approval from the Academic Programs Committee, which reviews requests for new programs. For more information about the program, e-mail PPPhD@duke.edu.

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ulations in other states, visited zoos, conducted cost/benefit analyses and developed criteria for evaluating options. Their final report went to state Health Director Leah Devlin.

Among their recommendations: require hand-washing facilities, daily cleaning of animal pens and barriers between patrons and animals—a significant change from the open interaction areas allowed last year.

“Parents were bringing in infants, taking them out of their strollers and letting them literally crawl in the feces,” said Jeffrey Engel, the state epidemiologist to whom the students reported.

Because of concurrent efforts in the state Health Department, and the existence of federal Centers for Disease Control guidelines, the MPP students can’t say their recommendations led directly to the new law. However, Engel said, they did evaluate political and budgetary obstacles to implementing new rules and “develop a framework for what would be the most effective approach to make the guidelines enforceable in North Carolina.” Their work also added important momentum to the push for change, said Brant Goode, a CDC epidemiologist working with the N.C. Division of Public Health.

“Mentioning that there was a group of public policy experts at Duke looking at this issue gave our discussions with Agriculture and others more credibility,” Goode said.

“That you crafted a comprehensive set of policy and implementation options, developed and applied criteria to evaluate them, and selected a final set of recommendations that so closely match the legislative and Agriculture work speaks extremely well for your efforts,” Goode wrote in a follow-up note to the students.

Perault said their recommendations sought to balance an individual’s right to make choices about personal risk with government’s responsibility to protect people. A long the way, the students saw how human nature intersects with policy theory. They absorbed the truth of the phrase, “There are no easy answers.”

“It was shocking seeing how these kids’ lives had been fundamentally altered by the experience,” Perault said. Nevertheless, the families didn’t advocate shutting down petting zoos.

“You’d think they’d lead the charge, but they wouldn’t,” Perault said. Parents acknowledged that even if warning signs about health risks are more alarming than before, they still might not read them. “They see it as a difficult problem—everyone wants kids to have fun.”
Health & Social Policy

Health Inequalities Program fellows gather to plan policy initiatives

Twenty-two domestic and international collaborators in HIV- and health disparities-related research gathered at Duke April 12 for the inaugural meeting of the Health Inequalities Program (HIP) Senior Research Fellows.

Fellows and HIP staff discussed establishing a working group to channel research findings to state, national and international policymakers; developing a health inequalities Web portal to disseminate information to each other and the general public; and convening a forum on emerging health inequalities issues. HIP is directed by Kathryn W. Whetten, associate professor of PPS, community and family medicine, and nursing.

HIP, part of the Center for Health Policy, Law and Management, launched the senior research fellows program in 2003 to develop interdisciplinary research collaborations focused on health inequalities. Thirty-nine fellows in nine countries are working in the fields of public health, economics, medicine, statistics, psychology, sociology, divinity/religion, social work, nursing, health education and information technology/computer sciences.

Health Policy Briefs

Sept. 16 colloquium to honor Sloan • The Center for Health Policy, Law and Management will host “The Effect of Population Aging on Health Care and Public Policy: A Colloquium Honoring the Scholarship and Service of Frank Sloan.” Sloan stepped down as center director in January.

The half-day symposium at the Millennium Hotel in Durham will focus on the determinants of health outcomes among the elderly, as well as technological innovation and its effect on health and disability. Among the presenters are Fredric Wolinsky of the University of Iowa and Joseph Newhouse of Harvard University. Additional details at www.pubpol.duke.edu

Health policy in a globalizing world • The Institute’s Program on Global Health and Technology Access, led by Dr. Anthony So, co-sponsored a course on “Health Policy in a Globalizing World” with the World Health Organization June 13-17 in Geneva.

This first-time offering featured prominent figures in global public health, from Dr. Jim Kim, who leads the WHO’s 3x5 initiative on HIV/AIDS, to David Heymann, widely credited for his work in containing the SARS epidemic.

Course participants had an opportunity to give input to the Bangkok Charter, which will succeed the landmark Ottawa Charter, to organizers of the Sixth Global Conference on Health Promotion.

Global Health Fellows in the Geneva program, along with selected WHO staff, also participated in site visits at UNAIDS, UNHCR, the Global Fund and the Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative during the week.

First N.C. Family Impact Seminar focuses on Medicaid • Nearly 80 North Carolina lawmakers and state agency leaders attended meetings May 24 in Raleigh as part of the state’s first Family Impact Seminar. Seminar participants explored “Medicaid Cost Containment Strategies in North Carolina and Other States.” The seminar was convened by the Center for Child and Family Policy and the UNC School of Government.

The seminar featured Medicaid experts Vernon K. Smith Jr. of Health Management Associates in Michigan; former Michigan Medicaid Director Brian Burwell of Medstat in Massachusetts; and Sybil Richard of the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration.

A detailed briefing report is available by e-mailing Jenni Owen at jwowen@duke.edu. The report describes North Carolina’s Medicaid program, addresses how states are trying to control rising Medicaid costs, and examines state experiences with Medicaid managed long-term care and prescription drug spending.

HIP studies effects of info technology on medical care

Staff from the Health Inequalities Program (HIP) of the Center for Health Policy, Law and Management attended a grantee meeting in Baltimore, Md., in April hosted by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). HIP is one of six national sites conducting research and demonstration projects under Title V of the Ryan White Care Act to evaluate the effects of information technology on medical care for persons living with HIV disease.

The keynote speaker was Duke alum Lammot DuPont, program manager for the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONCHIT) of the Department of Health and Human Services. ONCHIT is the federal agency leading planning efforts concerning President Bush’s vision for widespread adoption of interoperable electronic health records (EHRs) within 10 years.

Led by Principal Investigator Kathryn Whetten and Project Director Frank Lombard, HIP researchers are examining whether information technology can help improve communication and care coordination between medical and ancillary care providers to improve health outcomes for persons living with HIV disease in North Carolina.

HIP will report its results and practical experiences to HRSA and ONCHIT to help inform policy development surrounding the president’s initiative. The five other participating sites are the Los Angeles County Department of Health, Columbia University, Johns Hopkins University, Cornell University and Louisiana State University.
Center leads symposium on violence among young girls

A June 17 Roundtable on Practice and Research on Girls at Risk at the Friday Center in Chapel Hill brought more than 55 N.C. juvenile justice practitioners from across North Carolina together with a distinguished panel of experts to build connections between research, practice and policy. The event was co-sponsored by the Institute’s Center for Child and Family Policy (CCFP) and the N.C. Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (NC DJDP).

The topic of the roundtable is timely—the last decade has seen a significant increase in the number of girls in the juvenile justice system. Ten years ago girls accounted for 20 percent of all juvenile arrests; now the figure is 29 percent. Scholars debate whether this trend reflects actual increases in violence by girls, or instead reflects changes in adjudication policies and practices. For example, practices such as zero tolerance in the schools may be a factor.

“Regardless of the reasons for these increases, current programming for delinquent girls is based on theories and models of boys and to date there has been little empirical attention given to the study of girls and delinquency,” said Shari Miller-Johnson, senior research scientist at CCFP. Miller-Johnson is also a member of the state’s task force for girls in juvenile justice.

“There is a clear need for additional research to better understand how current theories of delinquency are relevant to girls, as well as ways in which models may need to be sensitive to the needs of girls,” she said.

Miller-Johnson has a five-year career development award (K01) from the National Institute of Mental Health. Her research program focuses on the nature, antecedents, course and mechanisms of antisocial behavior in girls and how girls’ concerns about interpersonal relationships impact the expression of antisocial behavior.

Social Policy Briefs

Policy brief grades teacher bonuses

A recently released policy brief by professors Charles Clotfelter, Helen Ladd, and Jacob Vigdor and Center for Child and Family Policy research scientist Elizabeth Glennie evaluates North Carolina’s teacher bonus program.

“North Carolina Math/Science/Special Education $1,800 Teacher Bonus Program: An Initial Evaluation” outlines one of North Carolina’s attempts at hiring and retaining high quality teachers in math, science and special education, particularly in disadvantaged or low-performing schools. The paper offers recommendations for future program design and implementation, as well as lessons for policymakers considering similar incentive programs.

This brief is part of a series by center researchers and affiliates on topics affecting education, youth violence, substance abuse prevention and early childhood adversity. Other recently released policy briefs include:

– Sorting Out Student Retention: 2.4 Million Children Left Behind?” by C. Ryan Kinlaw, postdoctoral research scientist.

View all center policy briefs at www.childandfamilypolicy.duke.edu/briefs.html

Conference on girls and depression

More than 150 faculty, researchers, graduate students and practitioners attended the two-day conference in May, “Preventing Depression Among Adolescent Girls: Building a Multidisciplinary Approach.”

The conference, the fourth in the Duke Series in Child Development and Public Policy, was co-sponsored by the Center for Child and Family Policy and the Department of Psychology: Social and Health Sciences.

The conference featured scholars working at the cutting edge of theory, research, intervention and policy to improve society’s ability to prevent girls from becoming depressed during and after the transition to adolescence. The meeting fostered productive “translational” interactions between basic scientists studying the causes of depression among adolescent girls and prevention/intervention researchers working with adolescent girls.

New book


The collection of edited volumes addresses contemporary issues in child development and public policy. Berlin’s book synthesizes the latest knowledge in scientifically based therapeutic programs for child-parent attachments and offers an overview of treatment and prevention approaches currently in use.
Homes and shops built of mud and tree branches, topped with corrugated tin. Networks of dirt paths lined with trenches filled with human waste. Dogs too exhausted from hunger to move.

This is Kibera, the largest slum in east Africa. An estimated one million people live in this tiny area in the southern part of Nairobi, Kenya. Around me I hear voices discussing a project, sponsored by UN-Habitat, the United Nations Human Settlements Program, to renew and improve their community. Kefa, a young Kiberan resident asks, "Will this slum-upgrading project really give Kiberans the dignity they seek? UN-Habitat sees itself as a savior, but will this project really save Kiberans?"

He asks an important question. Now 21 years old and unemployed, Kefa migrated to the capital city from rural Kenya four years ago and, like so many people, moved in with a relative. Will the proposed renewal make a difference in his life?

New roofs, old problems
Upgrading is seen as an alternative to the relocation or resettlement of people living in informal housing. At first, it meant simply a physical renovation of poor housing, but after many failures to create long-term change, the project now aims to deal with social, economic and infrastructural needs.

Kiberans usually share 8-by-8-foot rooms with an average of five other people. Most live on about a dollar a day. Emotionally consumed by my surroundings, I try to remember why I am here and what the faraway Gothic arches of Duke University mean in the midst of Kibera’s poverty.

I came to Nairobi in July 2004 to work with a local nongovernmental organization and UN-Habitat, ready to test my education’s value. I had been accepted into the Hart Fellows Program, which places recent Duke graduates in community-based research projects in the developing world. Despite ample support and close advising, we had been warned: you’ll be in over your head and not always equipped to make sense of your experiences. That has certainly been the case with me.

Poor sanitary conditions have created widespread respiratory-tract infections among Kiberan residents.

In college, I was frequently asked to formulate questions in the form of concise thesis statements, and to reply with airtight answers. During my first days in Kibera, I approached my new reality with that same problem-solving zeal.

Residents ask, ‘Who benefits?’
Poor sanitary conditions have created widespread respiratory-tract infections among Kiberan residents. They wait in long lines to pay for costly yet contaminated water. They defecate into polyurethane bags and then throw them into the street at night because pit latrines are few. The initiatives of the UN-N-Habitat project — neighborhood clinics, rainwater catchment, community toilets, collective agriculture plots, living quarters facing each other in pod formation to promote safety — seem like sensible solutions.

But Kefa has voiced a question to which I do not have an airtight answer. I’ve begun to realize that the problems here cannot be isolated from each other and resolved with pat solutions. Can improving the physical surroundings really ameliorate the underlying poverty? Living with access to clean water can lower the incidence of typhoid, but will it better Kiberans’ lives if they are still without jobs and have no more than a primary-school education? Now, faced with the severe difficulties in Kibera, my previous certainty seems to be the only green thing in this densely populated place.

My Kiberan friends tell me 80 percent of the residents are tenants, and that, in their opinion, the upgrading project will benefit only the “structure” owners. The structure owners acquired their blocks of one-story tenements in some cases through political connections, but more often by simply grabbing the land and buildings. They do not have any legal title to the
‘Living with access to clean water can lower the incidence of typhoid, but will it better Kiberans’ lives if they are still without jobs and have no more than a primary-school education?’

Distrust hinders progress

What’s more, residents say, the plans are to be carried out by the Kenyan government, whose past policy has often been to bulldoze makeshift settlements because it deems them illegal. If the government bulldozes their housing to build new structures that will not even benefit them, why should Kibera residents support such plans? In fact, a few months before I arrived, residents rioted in opposition to the entire project.

Officials of UN-Habitat have assured me residents’ homes will be secure. They say residents will be relocated to waiting structures closer to their jobs, and only then will their houses be bulldozed and rebuilt. Officials also say that not just structure owners will benefit from the project, and that residents will receive financial assistance and job-skills training.

Surrounded by debris and doubts, I try to reconcile this information into a response for Kefa. I envision myself as an undergraduate, sitting in a classroom scribbling out answers to complete an exam. I picture myself at 4 in the morning in the Duke library, poring over a towering stack of books, trying to finish my senior thesis. Such familiar methods of reconciling facts seem so artificial here in Kenya. Now I must assess the Kibera project without the assurance of a satisfying conclusion.

The largest hindrance to the effort’s success seems to be a lack of communication between UN-Habitat and the residents of Kibera. A history of corrupt and exploitative local nongovernmental organizations has created distrust and alienated residents from the decision-making process.

Helping residents be heard

Kibera residents must be able to have their voices heard. With that goal in mind, I have worked with them to create a Kibera Youth Congress to lobby the government and other development partners for the rights of residents. Who knows how successful it will be? Clearly it is no panacea. But it is a start.

At the end of my year here, I will better understand the effectiveness, or ineffectiveness, of housing-development initiatives and how they intersect with public health. I will have a more nuanced understanding of my privilege and how to situate myself within it. I will have gained a more complex understanding of nongovernmental organizations and international aid in developing countries.

I’ll also have a better understanding of uncertainty. Rather than trying to find the “right” answers, I am searching for balanced solutions—those that call for compromise, sensitivity and collaboration.

And so I reply to Kefa: “Mayne the upgrading is, at this point, largely cosmetic. But uncertainty and complexity should not mean inaction. We must search for solutions, even when we’re not sure we’ll find them.”

Helping residents be heard

Courtney Crosson, a 2004 Duke graduate, recently completed her fellowship in Kenya. A longer version of this commentary appeared in the July 22 edition of the Chronicle of Higher Education.

JOEL FLEISHMAN, professor of PPS, on giving:

“More than one hundred years ago, long before our planet was widely perceived as a global community, Andrew Carnegie, in his Gospel of Wealth, urged the rich to use their surplus resources, which are what foundations are made of, to create community between the rich and the poor. As the rich parts of the world have become steadily richer and the poor have remained in abject poverty, the divide between the two has become ever more excruciating.

Because of the magnitude of want and disease, it is clear that governments and intergovernmental agencies will have to play the major roles in lifting the millions at the bottom end out of the poverty that engulfs them. But philanthropy, especially U.S. philanthropy with its long tradition of setting the pace for government innovation, and NGOs, both domestic and global which have long since established themselves as the alarm-sounders and leading firefighters in the fight against global poverty, disease, human rights violation and environmental degradation, have an absolutely indispensable role to play in waking up the public, alerting the press, galvanizing governmental action and shaping solutions to these problems that can in fact solve them.

The challenge is clear and urgent, and we all have the responsibility to grasp it firmly and devote our full energies to it, even if we cannot imagine ourselves mastering it. As Rabbi Tarfon states in Ethics of the Fathers, “The task is great. ...It is not your responsibility to finish it, but you are not free to withhold yourself from it.”


REP. DAVID PRICE, visiting professor of PPS, on partisanship:

“Congress needs strong parties, but it also needs the capacity to deal with budget and entitlement challenges that are likely beyond the reach of pure partisan exertion. It is on this question of partisan excess, perhaps more than any other, that the perspectives of my two careers converge: as a Member looking for a fair shake for my ideas and the people I represent, and as a political scientist and citizen concerned that real and lasting institutional damage is being done. We simply must do better.”

Excerpted from a May 9 commentary in Roll Call.
Krupp takes the lead at growing PIDP

As Cory Krupp begins her new job as director of graduate studies for the Program in International Development Policy (PIDP) this fall, big changes may be on the horizon.

The PIDP, a master's program for mid-career professionals from developing nations, is part of the Duke Center for International Development (DCID), one of several centers whose status is being reviewed by a task force studying whether the Sanford Institute should become a school. The task force may recommend that some centers or programs become independent.

A affiliation with the Institute has many benefits, and Krupp would like to maintain the connection if possible. Yet DCID and PIDP wish to maintain control over their faculty hiring and curriculum decisions, she said. The decision won't come until sometime after the task force makes its September report to the provost. In the meantime, Krupp has plenty to keep her busy.

The number of PIDP fellows grew substantially under Francis Lethem, PIDP director since 1997, and is now at 30-35 new students a year. Through a new agreement with the Peace Corps, U.S. citizens with experience abroad also are part of the student mix. Keeping up with growth means the center's professors often carry heavy teaching loads. Krupp, a visiting associate professor of public policy studies with expertise in international trade and finance, will teach two classes this fall and one in the spring, in addition to her administrative duties.

"Increasing the number of faculty is important as the program grows, so we can better serve our students," Krupp said.

Her goals also include recruiting more students from Latin America and Africa, and securing stable funding sources that would allow the PIDP to enroll more students from poor countries. Now, both the center and the program rely solely on revenues generated through tuition, executive education and consulting services.

Krupp, 42, began teaching with DCID in 1998. Previously, she taught at UNC's Kenan-Flagler School of Business, as well as in the economics departments at UNC-Greensboro and Michigan State University. She worked as an economic consultant to the trade law group of Wilmer, Cutler and Pickering in Washington, D.C., from 1987 to 1995. She earned her PhD in economics from the University of Pennsylvania.

Krupp has three children, ages 14, 12 and 9, and her husband, Michael Toth, is the owner of PW C Consulting Engineers, a firm in Durham. She also is a proud member of the dormant Sanford Institute band (keyboards). When not recovering from an injury, she enjoys running, kickboxing and racquetball.

New Faculty at DCID

Phyllis R. Pomerantz joins the Duke Center for International Development faculty this fall. Pomerantz received her PhD, MALD and MA from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University. Pomerantz was appointed the World Bank's first chief learning officer and was the country director and country operations manager for the Southern Africa Department. She was also division chief of environment and agriculture operations for the Brazil, Peru and Venezuela Department. Pomerantz has taught at several universities including Pontifical Catholic University of Peru and Tufts.

Dennis A. Rondinelli joins the Duke Center for International Development faculty this fall. Rondinelli received his PhD from Cornell University and his BA from Rutgers University. Prior to joining the DCID faculty, Rondinelli taught at the Kenan-Flagler Business School at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as the Glaxo Distinguished International Professor of Management. Rondinelli has taught and researched global competitiveness, business strategy, the public role of the private sector, multinational corporations, corporate environmental management, emerging market economies and international trade and investment. He has carried out his research in Asia, Central Europe, Latin America and Africa.


PIDP graduates, from left, Hien Tu of Vietnam, Bai Ji of China and Dechen Zam of Bhutan doffed their black graduation gowns to show off traditional dresses of their home countries.
33 incoming PIDP Fellows represent five continents

The Program in International Development Policy (PIDP) welcomes 33 new fellows this fall from five continents. New partnerships with the Government of Kazakhstan, FLACSO (La Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales) in Chile, the government of India, the Peace Corps Fellows/USA Program, and the Kosovo American Education Fund (KAEF) have increased geographic representation in the program and will add to the depth of learning both in and outside of the classroom. New countries represented for the first time in the program include Dominica, Afghanistan, Germany and the Netherlands.

The incoming class brings an impressive background of professional experiences. Among their accomplishments are the founding of an NGO in Nepal to assist with housing issues for the poor, work on local governance reform in Iraq, use of electronic information technology to aid in the overhaul of Ukraine’s land titling initiative and the founding of an underground school for girls in Afghanistan after the Taliban came to power.

New fellows also join the program after participation in the World Bank’s Junior Professional Program, working on policy advisement issues such as national defense, public finance and local infrastructure for several foreign governments, and various community and rural development projects in the developing world. Their wide perspectives and expertise on these many development fronts will be a welcome addition to the PIDP and Sanford communities.

— Stephanie A It-Lamm

New Rotary coordinator

Susan Carroll is the new coordinator for the Duke-UNC Rotary Center, replacing Darla Deardorff, who became director of the Association of International Educators (AIEA), headquartered at Duke.

Carroll has more than 20 years experience in the field of international humanitarian assistance, principally working for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). She has worked on large-scale refugee operations in Sudan, Ethiopia, Malawi, Turkey, Hong Kong and Thailand.

DCID explores project in Moldova

A team from Duke Center for International Development (DCID) made a four-day visit to Moldova in late May to discuss a possible project to build capacity for policy analysis, policy reform design and policy implementation. Natalia Mirovitskaya, senior research scholar and lecturing fellow of public policy, and Ted Triebel, visiting lecturer in public policy, traveled to the capital city, Chisinau.

Mirovitskaya and Triebel met with senior government officials, rectors (presidents) of five major universities, U.S. embassy officials, and other parties. Heath Cosgrove, an incoming PIDP fellow who has worked in Moldova for the last three years, helped plan and coordinate the meetings. The trip followed a December 2004 visit by a Moldovan delegation to Duke and the Sanford Institute.

— Ted Triebel

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Faculty News

Bernard Avishai, visiting professor of PPS and business, gave a talk at the Fuqua School of Business in May on why the Israeli entrepreneurial economy needs peace.

Hart Leadership Program Director Alma Blount, Kenan Institute for Ethics Director Elizabeth Kiss, Trinity College of Arts & Sciences Director of Assessment Matt Serra, and consultant Alan Peterfreund presented a workshop, titled “Building an Evaluation Strategy that Fosters Ownership and Facilitates Change,” at the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AACU) Annual Conference, “Pedagogies of Engagement: Deepening Learning in and across Disciplines.”

Hart Leadership Program faculty member Tony Brown was recognized as A Phi’s professor of the month by the Kappa A Phi Theta sorority.

Professor Phil Cook’s book (with Robert Frank) The Winner-Take-All Society: Why the Few at the Top Get So Much More Than the Rest of Us was on the reading list for The New York Times’ May series on “Class in America.”

Robert Cook-Degan, research professor of PPS, presented “The Science Commons in Health Research: Structure, Function and Value” at the University of Toronto conference “Bringing Science to Life” on April 23. He gave the keynote address at Genomics and World Health: Surviving in the Information Jungle, a conference in Brussels, Belgium, on July 7. He also was a co-signer on a letter on “Issues in Biosecurity and Biosafety” published in Science 308 (24 June): 1867-1868.


Center for Child and Family Policy researchers Beth Gifford and May A. Alexander have been invited to participate on the “Shared Outcomes/Shared Indicators for School Readiness” project organized by the North Carolina SPA RK initiative and the Early Childhood Comprehensive System (ECCS) planning team. The purpose of the Shared Outcomes/Shared Indicators project is to create a common understanding of the factors that affect how children are doing, as well as a shared sense of accountability for outcomes. Gifford also presented a poster and a talk (with E.M. Foster) at the 5th World Conference of the International Health Economics Association July 10-13 in Barcelona, Spain titled “Understanding provider influences on residential length of stay among youth with mental health, substance abuse, and co-occurring disorders: A Bayesian crossclassified approach.”

Sherman A. James, Susan B. King Professor of PPS, spoke May 16 on “The Health of Blacks in the United States: Some Thoughts on Fundamental Causes of Racial Inequalities in Health and their Implications for U.S. Public Policy,” The Oswaldo Cruz Foundation, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. He presented “Life course Socioeconomic Position and Cardiovascular Disease Risk in African Americans: The Pitt County Study,” at Columbia University, New York, on March 11. He also was appointed to the Board of Governors for the University of North Carolina Press.

Bruce Jentleson, professor of PPS and political science, is now a regular contributor to The American University Press, delivered the baccalaureate address at Washington & Jefferson College (Pa.) on May 20 and received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree in recognition for his achievements as an influential voice in the campaign for ethical action in public life and the struggle for peace in South Africa. On June 3rd, he joined former President Bill Clinton in Little Rock, Ark., as a speaker for City Year’s One World Celebration.

Faculty Publications


Kelley, Judith. “Strategic non-cooperation as soft balancing: Why Iraq was not just about Iraq.” International Politics 42(2) [2005]: 153-173.


From left, Professors Jake Vigdor, Helen Ladd and Phil Cook compare notes while waiting at Wilson Gym for graduation exercises to begin.
Faculty Announcements

Allen Buchanan has been named the James B. Duke Professor of Public Policy Studies and Philosophy. The distinguished professorship was announced at an April 21 awards dinner at the Washington Duke Inn.

Charles Clotfelter, professor of public policy, law and economics, will continue his work on "Collective Action and Proprietary Rights: Evidence from the North Carolina Performer's Contract," and "Sherman Act Enforcement in International Markets: The Case of the Free Trade Area of the Americas." He will be on sabbatical from September 1-19, at the American Enterprise Institute, and from early January to mid-April, at the University of Virginia. He will also present papers at the 2006 Conference on Microeconomic Theory and at the 2006 Conference on Law and Economics.

Jonatha P. S. Dwyer, assistant professor of IPS and economics, has been awarded a three-year grant from the National Science Foundation to study the impact of tax credits on the supply of child care. She will also present papers at the 2006 Conference on Microeconomic Theory and at the 2006 Conference on Law and Economics.

Fiko Fiske, associate professor of IPS, has been awarded a three-year grant from the National Science Foundation to study the impact of tax credits on the supply of child care. She will also present papers at the 2006 Conference on Microeconomic Theory and at the 2006 Conference on Law and Economics.

Gunter Schanzer, former Capitol Hill staff member, has been hired to head the new Triangle Center on Terrorism and Homeland Security, a project sponsored by Duke, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and RTI International. The center will be headquartered in Rubenstein Hall. Schanzer will teach one public policy course each semester, alternating between Duke and UNC.

The center aims to stimulate cross-disciplinary discussion and scholarship on military, diplomatic and domestic counterterrorism strategies and policies for preventing and protecting against future terrorist attacks. The center will provide a bridge between the academic community and policymakers at the state, federal and international levels. Schanzer served since 2003 as the Democratic staff director of the House Select Committee on Homeland Security and as principal advisor to former U.S. Rep. Jim Turner of Texas, who was the ranking Democrat on the committee. While in this position, he was the supervising editor of a series of strategy documents and reports on homeland security.

Ted Triebel, visiting lecturer in IPS, has retired from teaching, but intends to remain involved with the Institute, working with the Duke Center for International Development on various projects. He also plans to be active in local government affairs.
Alumni News

MPP Notes

Kristen Dubay ('04) married Kevin Jermy Jr. on April 3 at the Sarah P. Duke Gardens. They live in Durham, where Kristen is a project director for the N.C. Institute of Medicine. Classmates Liz English ('05) and Liz Peters ('04) attended the wedding.

Fernando Lohmann ('04) has a new position as associate at GGI Investimentos, a private equity firm in Sao Paulo, Brazil, led by Antonio Kandir, former minister of planning during the Cardoso presidency.

Mark Moland ('04) and his wife, Shana, welcomed daughter Ruthanne Elizabeth on June 2. Mark and Shana live in Norwick, Conn., where Mark is an instructor at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

Lesley Woodburn ('04) has a new consulting position at Booz Allen Hamilton in Fairfax, Va.

Neal Fann ('03) has a new position performing cost-benefit analysis at EPA in the Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards in Research Triangle Park, N.C.

Robin Gelinas ('03) has left the Alliance for Excellent Education for a new position as manager of the Department of Educational Initiatives at the Texas Education Agency in Austin.

Sarah Rankin ('03) is a program officer at Local Initiatives Support Corp., a community development financial institution in New York, N.Y.

Ilse Wicher ('03) received her M.D. degree from Duke School of Medicine in May and is working this year as a fellow for the Center for Public Genomics at the Duke Institute for Genome Sciences and Policy. She will enter a residency program in 2006.

Scott Douglas ('02) and his wife, Diane, are proud to announce the birth of Malcolm Day Douglas on March 22. Scott and Diane live in Washington, D.C., and his wife, Robert, brought home their new son, Robert (Bobby) Nam Douglas, born Nov. 9, 2004, in Soo Brooks, born Nov. 9, 2004, in South Korea.

Tariq Saintsing ('02) is joining the New York City Department of Education’s Student Enrollment, Planning, and Operations Department, which is responsible for implementing the No Child Left Behind Act.

Trip Stallings ('02) will enter the PhD program in the University of North Carolina School of Education’s Culture, Curriculum and Change Program this fall.

Charmeke Bosket ('01) has left classroom teaching to become the education advisor for South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford.

Brad Keller ('01) is engaged to Alexandria Bradley, with a wedding planned for summer 2006. Brad works at Westat Inc., in Rockville, Md.

Amy Raslevich ('00), along with husband, Jeff Kelly, and daughter, Laura, announce the birth of Samuel Thomas Kelly on April 7.

Evan Fuguet ('99) has taken a new position as policy counsel at The Center for Responsible Lending, a national nonprofit, nonpartisan research and policy organization dedicated to protecting homeownership and family wealth by working to eliminate abusive financial practices.

Markus Laine ('99) has a new position at NASD, a private-sector regulator primarily responsible for NASDAQ and A.M. EX in Rockville, Md.

Mark Wiggins ('99) has accepted the position of project manager with Arcitectural Solutions Corp., Energy Services Division, in Anchorage.

Susan Biles ('98) is engaged to Michael Nink and planning a wedding in April 2006. Susan is associate deputy commissioner of the Texas General Land Office in Austin.

Chris Bugg ('98) and Carolyn Croone Bugg ('97), along with daughter, Meredith, announce the birth of Everett Christopher Bugg on June 7. Chris and Carolyn live in Virginia Beach, Va., where Chris is a naval aviator working as an instructor pilot for an F/A-18 Hornet squadron and Carolyn is an adjunct economics professor at a local college.

Mollie Finch Hunte ('98) and her husband, John, welcome Luke Michael Hunte, born on May 27. Although John is stationed in Bahrain until December, he was able to fly home for two weeks to meet his new son. Mollie is living in Alexandria, Va., until John returns to the United States.

Beth Kidd ('98) recently was promoted to the position of director of policy services for the state of Florida, responsible for policy development and oversight of all services except pharmacy in Florida’s $14 billion Medicaid program.

Peter Brown ('97) has a new position at Deloitte Services LP doing government affairs work within its federal practice, specifically in the area of homeland security. Peter and his family live in Reston, Va.

Tim Johnson ('97) and his wife, Angie, announce the birth of Nigel Zane Johnson on March 15. They live in New York, N.Y., where Tim works in the Domestic Capital Markets Group of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

Brant Phillips ('97) was named a partner in Bass, Berry & Simms PLC in Nashville, Tenn.

Tom Danielson ('96), along with his wife, Zoe, and son, Toby, welcomed a bigwig Josephine Kant on June 19. Pete and his family live in Arlington, Va., where he has a new position as vice president for government affairs for Rapiscan Systems Inc., a security inspection firm.

Jon Rosenwasser ('95), in addition to his full-time job at Booz Allen Hamilton, is an adjunct professor of U.S. national security policy in George Mason University's School of Public Policy, where he taught a summer course on intelligence.

Jeannette Tunnicliff Goldsmith ('95) and her husband, A. Nedy, and son, Mason, announce the birth of Charles Ladds Goldsmith, born on April 5. Jeannette has returned to work, celebrating the fifth anniversary of her company. M. C. Allum Sweeney Consulting, located in Greenville, S.C.

Catherine Cunniff Brooks ('94) and husband, Robert, brought home their new son, Robert (Bobby) N. Soo Brooks, born Nov. 9, 2004, in South Korea.
Dionne Brown (’94) has joined Booz Al en Hamilton to provide consulting services in IT strategic planning and capital asset portfolio management. Dionne lives in Washington, D.C., where she has extensive experience in federal health sector organizational change, financial management and information technology.

Susie Powell (’94) has started a new position in the Washington, D.C., office of McKinsey & Co. as the professional development manager for their strategy practice. Susie also is engaged to Zak A ndersen, with a wedding planned for August 19 in Big Sky, Mont.

Jennifer Martin (’93) has left independent consulting to become a program director at Center for Resource Solutions in San Francisco. Jennifer and her husband, Tim Johnson, and son, Zachary, welcomed a new son, Benjamin, on Nov. 10, 2004.

Garrick Francis (’92), his wife, Sheila, and their son, Ries, 4, welcomed Karis Nicole Francis into the world on May 4.

Suzanne LeFave Sardinia (’92) has started a new home-based business with USA NA Health Sciences, a manufacturer of nutritional supplements and skin care products.

Maureen Sullivan (’92) was appointed visiting assistant professor of social studies at Harvard University in July 2004, and lives in Somerville, Mass., with her 3-year-old son, Emmanuel.

Cindy Adcock (’91) has a new position as senior program manager for leadership and research at Equal Justice Works in Washington, D.C.


Jess H ale (’88) recently published book reviews in Sojourners and N ashville Scene, and has an article in the upcoming Encyclopedia of the Stone-Campbell Movement. Jess continues to work as a senior legislative attorney for the Tennessee legislature focusing on Medicaid, health care and worker’s compensation.

Tina Morris-A nderson (’88) has been appointed the director for research, policy and planning for the N.C. Department of Labor in Raleigh.

Noelle M cA fee (’87) has taken a two-year leave of absence from her associate professor position at the University of Massachusetts-Lowell to work as deputy director of the Center for Social Media at American University in Washington, D.C. One of her assignments is to run the center’s new Public Media T hink Tank. Noelle and her family have moved to Alexandria, Va.

Dan Durham (’85) has left the U.S. Department for Health and Human Services for a new position as deputy vice president for policy at Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA). David Liebschutz (’85) received the 2005 Arnold L. Steigman Award for Excellence in Teaching Public Administration A Ward from the New York State Academy of Public Administration, given to a part-time instructor in recognition of making an impact on students and their public service careers, excellence in teaching, advising, and mentoring, and excellence in linking education and practice.

Stephen Tippie (’84) was married to Patricia M orril on April 23 in Chicago. Stephen is currently vice president of marketing and licensing for Tribune Media Services, a subsidiary of Tribune Co. He and his wife live in downtown Chicago.

A shley Files Florly (’83) has been named deputy executive secretary for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The executive secretary coordinates policy development across the entire department, resolving policy disagreements and briefing consistent application of administration and secretarial policy preferences. Daughter Grace, 3, is bearing up well under the transition pressure.

The Rev. Sandy Strauss (’83) was married on May 7 to the Rev. David Arnold in Harrisburg, Pa. Sandy works at the Pennsylvania Council of Churches.

Walter Daniels (’79) of Daniels & Verdonik PA., has been awarded the Charles H amner Leadership A Ward for exemplary vision and leadership in biotechnology at the 14th Annual Biotech Conference in North Carolina. In presenting the award, Dr. H amner explained that Daniels, as an attorney, has pioneered the representation of technology-based companies in North Carolina and served the technology industry in a large number of civic capacities.

Undergraduate Alumni Notes

Jason Jones (’05) will serve a one-year fellowship with the Public Health at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Shana Ginsburg (’04) will teach a course on American literature this fall in a model public high school in Columbia County, Ga., and attend law school in Fall 2006.

Jainen Bavishi (’03) will enter the master in city planning program in the Department of Urban Studies and Planning at MIT this fall.

Lucy Popkin (’03) is a third-year student at Stanford Law School. She spent the summer with the New York City law firm Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, focusing on entertainment law.

Melissa Lan (’01) is moving to Beijing in October to be one of two Olympic coordinators for the U.S. Department of State for Beijing 2008 Olympics.

Casey Reckman (’02) is a second-year student at Johns Hopkins University’s Nitze School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, D.C., concentrating in Latin American Studies and International Finance. Casey worked this summer at M anhattan’s Global Strategies, and she will spend the fall semester studying at University Torcuato Di Tella in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Sari Silverman (’02) graduated in June from Harvard Law School.

Dana Tyree (’02) is working toward a master of education in the teaching of social studies at Teachers College, Columbia University.

Jill Gentry (’01) will enter the master in public policy program this fall at Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government.

Matthew Pritchard (’01) recently was promoted to account manager in Google’s advertising sales group. After two years of management at IT consulting with A ccenture, he joined Google in January 2004 and works out of their A tlan tta office.

Ingrid Sheriff (’00) is an account supervisor on the healthcare/health policy team at Edelman Public Relations in Washington, D.C. Her primary clients are Pfizer, PhRMA, and the American Academy of Ophthalmology. She lives in A lington, Va., and is planning to be married in September.

Sasha Jackovich (’00) was awarded a 2004 Public Relations Society of America Pinnacle Award for the best internal communication program.

The award recognizes excellence in public relations initiatives and tactics in the Nevada, Arizona and Utah tri-state area. Jackovich is public affairs associate for Pulte Homes/ Del Webb in Las Vegas, Nev.

Jenny H. H. Ansen (’98) has joined the staff of Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions’ Subcommittee on Biotechnology and Public Health, serving as health policy director. Jenny previously was legislative assistant to Sen. Richard Burr (R - N.C.) on health care legislation related to the Food and Drug Administration, M edicare and M edicaid.

Nicole Kelly Vickey (’98) welcomes daughter, Elise Clair, born Nov. 1, 2004. Nicole is currently working as the Nature Conservancy’s Labama Coastal Program director, based in Mobile, Alas.

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Sarah Sumner Kirsch (‘98) was promoted to vice president of Robert Charles Lesser & Co, LLC, in Atlanta, Ga. She also welcomed a son and first son and first child, Sumner Roberts Kirsch, on February 1.

Brent McGoldrick (‘97) co-founded Grassroots Targeting, a political grassroots consulting firm in Alexandria, Va. Prior to co-founding the firm, McGoldrick completed an MBA from Georgetown University and ran the Republican National Committee’s campaign in West Virginia during the 2004 election. This past winter, he served on the 55th Presidential Inaugural Committee.

Caleb Burns (‘96) is an associate at Wiley Rein and Fielding LLP in Washington, D.C. He practices law in the firm’s election law and government ethics group.

Kira Marchenese (‘95) earned her MPA in the mid-career program at Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government, and has a new job as director of Internet strategy for the nonprofit Environmental Defense. She lives in Washington, D.C.

Geoff Archer (‘94) has moved to Charlottesville, Va., to begin a PhD program in management (entrepreneurship) at the Darden School of Business at the University of Virginia.

Ted Jackson (‘93) and his wife, Jennifer, and daughter, Emily, announce the Nov. 12, 2004, birth of Charles Theodore Jackson.

Denise DiBlasi-Olivares (‘88), vice president of strategic alliances programs for AXA Financial Inc., has recently completed input into Financial Services Marketing, a book for a new industry course that is being published by LOMA, an education and research association for the insurance and financial services industry.

Michael Gorman (‘88) is co-founder and managing director of Split Rock Partners, a venture capital firm focused on investments in health care, software and Internet services companies. Michael and his wife, Elizabeth Loyd Gorman (‘88), live in Minneapolis, Minn., with their three children.

Sheila Stafford McThenia (‘88) lives in the Orlando, Fla., area where she and her husband, Tom McThenia, work in the office of the president at Campus Crusade for Christ International. She continues to home educate three of their four boys.

Marc Supcoff (‘88) spoke with a distinguished faculty of construction and legal professionals on July 14 in Parsippany, N.J., on critical issues and developments in construction change orders. Marc also was elected to the board and is general counsel of Rebuilding Together, Essex County, an organization of volunteers who repair and rebuild neighborhood homes and around Newark, N.J.

David Leitch (‘82) has been named general counsel and senior vice president of Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn, Mich. David formerly was White House deputy counsel and deputy assistant to President George W. Bush.

Terri Mascherin (‘81) recently was selected to take part in a two-year nonpartisan, privately funded project that aims to overhaul Illinois’ criminal code, the CLEAR Initiative (Criminal Law Edit, Alignment and Reform). Terri is a partner at Jenner & Block LLP in Chicago.

Ron Kertzner (‘78) was ordained as an interfaith minister by the OneSpirit Interfaith Seminary on June 26. Ron and his wife, Susan, are principals in ChoicePoint Consulting Inc., with a mission to help individuals and organizations to make conscious choices to align their values with their outer action.